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## LEADERSHIP SCHOOL, RETURNS TO RED DEER FOR 1961 SEASON

Red Deer will be the site of the 1961 Recreation Leadership School, sponsored by the Community Recreation Bureau of the Alberta Government's Cultural Activities Branch. The school, which will be conducted for the 23rd year, will be held from July 10 to August 5.

This year the school, designed to train community recreation leaders from all parts of the Province, will have new spacious classroom and gymnasium facilities at Red Deer's River Glen School. Increased safety measures at the Red Deer Composite High School dormitories have been completed with the installation of an automatic fire alarm system. The large gymnasium, situated in the Memorial Centre will also be available for this year.

Included on the 1961 syllabus of studies are complete training programs for first and second year students. First year subjects include compulsory courses in recreation leadership, anatomy and first aid, group games, keep fit, community singing, and square and round dancing. Available are also three optional subjects. Compulsory subjects for second year students include recreation workshop, social recreation, community singing, and individual sports. Four optional subjects are available to second year students.

A general course on educational gymnastics will be provided for first and second year students on an optional basis. Miss M. Caldwell, principal lecturer in physical education at the City of Coventry Training College, England, will conduct the training program.

Special courses for Craft instructors

## Successful Drama Workshops in Province Indicate Growing Interest in Theatre

The Drama Division of the Cultural Activities Branch has just completed six of the most successful drama clinics ever held by the Cultural Activities Branch.

These workshops were held in Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Grande Prairie, Mannville and St. Paul, and a total of over 200 enthusiastic drama people attended these courses, with Grande Prairie taking the prize for the largest attendance.

There were 65 at the two-day workshop when Jack McCreath lectured on the basic of acting and directing. The Grande Prairie attendance represented the communities of Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge, Hythe, Valleyview and Dawson Creek.

will be offered again this year. Included will be basic instruction in design and basketry and advanced training in leathercraft, metalcraft and ceramics.

It is estimated 200 students will attend the summer school. Eighteen instructors will be needed.

Every community in Alberta is eligible to nominate candidates for the school. Candidates are required to be nominated by the local recreation body or other responsible organization, be physically fit, prepared to provide leadership in the community and be 17 years of age prior to July, 1961. Those candidates under 21 years of age must have a minimum Grade 10 education.

Applications for Recreation Leadership School are available from the Community Recreation Bureau, Room 425, Legislative Building, Edmonton.

Mr. McCreath reports that interest in drama is rapidly growing in the northern part of the province, and that this interest is being enthusiastically supported by attendance at the plays.

"If you can't get your community audience out to support you," Mr. McCreath says, "your theatre isn't healthy".

But theatre, according to Mr. McCreath, is very healthy in this province, and the standards are continuing to improve. He is very enthusiastic about the future of drama in Alberta communities.

## Weekend Band Clinic At Fort Saskatchewan Is Attended by 59

The third weekend band clinic was held in Fort Saskatchewan on January 28 and 29. Because most of the bands in this area are comparatively new, this clinic was limited to Class 1 students: i.e. with less than two years experience. A total of 59 students attended from Fort Saskatchewan, Lac La Biche, Waskatenau, Edmonton and Jasper Place. Among those attending were Mr. Creighton and at least twelve of his band who travelled almost 150 miles from Lac La Biche. Few bands are so enthusiastic.

Clinics will be held at Lacombe February 17, 19, and Vegreville on February 24, 26 for the bands in these areas. Tentative arrangement are being made for clinics in the following areas: Vermilion, March; Pincher Creek and Lethbridge, April; and Calgary, May.

## School Drama Festival First For The Province Under Co-sponsorship

The first High School Drama Festivals to be held in Alberta will be held in March under the co-sponsorship of the Department of Education and the Drama Division of the Cultural Activities Branch.

These will be on a trial-run basis this year in preparation for a full-scale province-wide drama festival next year.

Drama Supervisor Jack McCreath reports that interest is keen in the Peace River and South Edmonton zone where the festivals are being held this year.

Indeed, he says, the response to the festival idea in Alberta high schools in these zones has been so tremendous that at least two and possibly three two-day festivals are going to have to be held in the Peace River Zone and one two-day festival in the Edmonton Zone.

All details on these festivals may be obtained by contacting the Drama Supervisor in the Legislative Building. Watch Recreation News for dates and details next month.

## Activities For Easter Season

### NO MORE HOCKEY ICE?

Because of the balmy weather many of the hockey areas are ruined; we may still get a long cold spell, but it is a question mark.

To keep their hockey teams alert, some Recreation Directors are moving the games indoors. Using Hockey rules, (including hockey sticks and running shoes) a 'puck' made out of tightly wrapped tape (to avoid damage and bounce) the game is being played in a gymnasium. If this idea has merit in your area—try it.

### DIB DERBY

Some ground is showing through (that is where there has been plenty of snow) and the marble season will soon be on us. Are you ready to take advantage of this ready made interest?

### CRAFT HINTS FOR THE EASTER FESTIVITIES EASTER EGG TREE

A real tree (deciduous variety) was set up three weeks prior to Easter in the Club Room and a large number of paper eggs were mimeographed featuring assorted patterns. Each time the children attended, they placed their name on a paper egg, colored it and

hung it on the tree. This created interest, was a novelty and made a very colorful room decoration. Of course the children did it. All the eggs were later placed in a basket, the lucky egg drawn and the award was a colorful story book on Easter.

### EGG SHELL CANDLES

Using empty egg shells—tie a knot in a string, force up through the bottom of the shell, then add wax (wax can be colored by melting wax crayons), allow to set, trim the wick after you break away the shell.

## Alta Communities Vie For Provincial Awards At '61 Drama Festival

The Alberta Drama Festival will be held in Calgary this March at which time entries from Coaldale, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Red Deer will compete.

For the second year in a row neither Calgary or Edmonton will be involved in the competition.



Shown above is a class in set design at a recent Drama workshop held at Edmonton. The workshop was well attended as have been all the workshops conducted this year. Studying model sets are left to right: Shirley Bedry, Larry Kozak, Allan Frost, David Goldie and Wilf Rowe.



Prof. W. Baker

Mr. J. R. Wright

Dr. M. L. Van Vliet

Mr. A. V. Pettigrew

Mr. D. Critchley

## "PLANNING FOR RECREATION" THEME OF CONFERENCE

Well known Western Canadian recreational authorities have been engaged as speakers for the Workshop for Municipal Recreation Boards to be held at the Banff School of Fine Arts, March 17, 18 and 19. Sponsored by the Community Recreation Bureau; the three-day meeting will have as its main theme "Planning for Recreation".

Key speaker for the workshop will be Professor W. Baker, Director, Centre for Community Studies, University of Saskatchewan. A native of Saskatchewan, Prof. Baker is a graduate of

the University of Saskatchewan and has studied at the Universities of Minnesota, Kentucky and Michigan. He is presently completing a thesis for his Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Psychology. Prof. Baker has also served on several committees dealing with provincial and national social problems. He was a consultant on adult education to the University of New England, New South Wales, Australia and conducted a tour of community development problems in India under a Carnegie Foundation invitation in 1956.

Other speakers at the conference include Dr. Maury Van Vliet, well known Director of the Physical Education faculty of the University of Alberta; J. R. Wright, Superintendent Parks Dept., City of Edmonton; A. V. Pettigrew, Superintendent of the Recreation Dept., Edmonton; D. Critchley, Coordinator of Youth Services for the City of Edmonton.

Those eligible to attend the workshop must be members of established recreation boards and delegates from communities in the process of organizing a board. All delegates must be sponsored by their recreation board or by the council of the town, municipality or village.

The local community will be responsible for the transportation and registration fee of \$5.00 with the remaining cost of room and board being borne by the Alberta Government. Each community may nominate a maximum of two delegates.

Inquiries regarding the conference may be directed to Miss E. McFarland, Room 424, Legislative Building, Edmonton.

## CAHPER PRESIDENT VISITS EDMONTON



Gordon Wright relaxes beside the Hamilton Memorial Swimming Pool at the University of Alberta. Mr. Wright is Director of Physical Education, Department of Education for the Province of Ontario and is also the present national president of the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (CAHPER).

On his recent cross-Canada trip, visiting local CAHPER branches, he met with the Edmonton branches and spoke at the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention. His subject, one of his favorites, was "Interscholastic Athletics, Their Sane Promotion and Control."

## Reservations Received For Olds Band Clinic Scheduled Aug. 5-12

Reservations are coming in for the Olds Provincial Band Clinic to be held August 5 to 12 although applications are not available as yet. Those making reservations will receive applications before general circulation commences. Full attendance has already been nearly attained for flute, trumpet, trombone and bass sections.

Those persons wishing to receive applications should write at once to the Supervisor of Music, Room 425, Legislative Building, Edmonton, Don't delay, you may miss your place this year.

# Playground Leader's Short Course

Sponsored by Community Recreation Bureau  
June 26 - July 1, 1961  
RED DEER, Alberta

## Jasper Place Plan Features Fair Share, Close Co-operation

### OPEN TO:

1. Recreation Leaders, Teachers, Camp Leaders who will return to their communities and offer supervision and leadership.
2. Persons physically fit.
3. Persons 16 years of age and over as of JUNE 1, 1961.  
Adults will be given preference.
4. Persons sponsored by a Local Recreation Board or other responsible organization.

### COURSE CONTENT:

First Year— A Basic Course.

Second Year— Advanced Course open to First Year Graduates or Persons with sufficient experience and training.

All courses are practical in nature. Candidates will learn skills, lead activities and take part.

#### FIRST YEAR

Group Games  
Team Games  
Crafts  
Dramatics  
Story Telling  
Tournaments

#### SECOND YEAR

(Open to Graduates of 1st Year)  
Sports Officiating  
Actual Special Events  
Planning Family Fun  
Folk Dancing  
Cook-Outs  
Elementary Psychology

#### COMBINED 1st & 2nd YEAR SESSIONS

Functions of Playgrounds  
Leadership in Recreation  
Principals of Recreation

First Aid  
Day Camps  
Community Singing

### WRITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TO:

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EDMONTON, Alberta

Jasper Place's Board of Trustees' working arrangements with the Town's Recreation Commission may not be unique, but they are highly promising of a new look in athletics and recreation in our schools.

Basic to these arrangements was the enunciation by Recreation and School Board officials of common goals and aims in the field of athletics. Once this was done, the rest was a matter of translating policy into administrative detail.

Recreation Superintendent Jack Boddington outlined a program which his department would supervise and coach immediately after school and until five o'clock on days when the schools themselves would not be using their gymnasias. Most of these activities would involve students and included volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, tumbling, judo, dancing, and others. This is a highly satisfactory arrangement because the students are already in school, the school supervisory personnel are still there, and the recreation commission supplies qualified coaching people to undertake activities which supplement the school curriculum.

Both groups supply equipment. For its share of this program, the School Board offers the use of auditoria and care-taking services at no cost to the Commission. Both groups are happy with these plans and the youth of Jasper Place will be the beneficiaries of some pretty sound thinking and fair dealing between Board and Commission. All this developed from Mr. Boddington's wish to meet Board officials and to chat about recreation.

Another feature of this fair play—share plan in recreation will see Mr. Boddington and Assistant Miss Ruth Bean visit some of the elementary classes to introduce, organize and carry out recreation features of the school's athletic program.

## FLIP OF THE FEZ TO...

MYRNA TURNER (RLS/58) leading the Tofield Junior High girls basketball team into Ryley.

NICK KOHLMAN (RLS/57) busy with the hockey program in Peace River under Recreation Director, Roy Blais.

RIMBEY for their smart concise publicity folder—contact GORD FENWICK, Rec Director, for a copy.

ELAINE NOWLIN (RLS/60) on being accepted into the Air Force with



further hopes of becoming a "Rec spec".

SYLVIA SHAW is teaching Physical Education at the University of New Brunswick.